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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



CRASH VICTIMS HAILED BY MARINE LEADER

By Tony Perry

Under a cold and driving rain that added to the sadness of the occasion, 15 "grunt" Marines killed in the crash of a controversial aircraft were remembered Monday as among the "bravest and brightest" of young Americans.

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Jones told several hundred family members of the Marines, "You can take solace in the fact that your Marines and your loved ones did not die in vain. We will learn from this tragedy."

After the memorial service, Jones told reporters that the Marine Corps remains steadfast in its support of the MV 22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft and has found nothing to suggest that the crash outside Tucson, Ariz., was the result of a design flaw.

"The fact that this is a new aircraft does not make it a test aircraft," Jones said. "It was a production aircraft, one we felt very comfortable flying in."

Still, Jones said he has ordered that other Ospreys remain on an "operational pause" until investigators determine whether the April 8 crash, which killed 15 combat troops and four crew members, was the result of pilot error or a mechanical defect in the individ-

ual aircraft.

Jones said that when he orders the Ospreys back to flight status, he would be aboard the first flight to show his faith in the aircraft, which is designed to lift off like a helicopter but fly like a fixed-wing aircraft.

"Examining the crash will help the mechanics and pilots assigned to the Osprey", Jones said. The aircraft's flight data recorder was recovered and is being analyzed at the Pentagon.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who attended the memorial

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Between flight operations yesterday, some Air Department personnel were busy painting padeyes on the flightdeck. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. STOCKS RALLY AFTER SLIDE

By Floyd Norris, Jon Fuerbringer

Stock prices stabilized and then soared in the United States on Monday and Tuesday after plunging in Asia and sliding in early European trading. The recovery eased fears of a collapsing stock market that had intensified after the once high-flying Nasdaq composite index lost a quarter of its value last week.

The action produced a sigh of relief from Wall Street to Washington, where officials had spent the weekend trying to reassure investors that nothing was wrong with the economy. But it also emphasized that the extreme volatility of the technology stocks that dominate the Nasdaq market was continuing unabated.

Late afternoon surges seemed to reflect orders from both individual investors and those from money management firms, in contrast to Friday, when the fall seemed to have been caused mostly by money managers trying to get out as fast as they could. Other market measures also soared during the final hour of trading Monday and Tuesday.

SOUND CHECK



IC1 Peggy Dahl and IC1 Lee Messenger ran the audio board during yesterday's ceremony walk-through. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)

STOCK MARKET

DOW:	10,767.42	UP 184.91
NASDAQ:	3793.57	UP 254.41
S&P 500:	1441.61	UP 40.17
NYSE:	634.81	UP 14.60

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THURSDAY'S STE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 DHARMA & GREG

1100 GREY OWL

1630 ER

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 PARTY OF FIVE

1900 BUFFY: VAMPIRE SLAYER

2000 THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR

2200 TWILIGHT

CHANNEL 6

1030 SISTER, SISTER

1100 KING OF THE HILL

1630 FOOLS RUSH IN

1800 RONIN

2000 MUMFORD

2200 HARD RAIN

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GEPHARDT SPLITS HOUSE OVER CHINA TRADE

By New York Times

In a setback for the Clinton administration, House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt intends to oppose granting China permanent normal trading privileges, according to several people familiar with his decision.

For months, Gephardt has refused to say how he will vote, fearing his decision will worsen divisions among Democrats on the issue and jeopardize his greater goal of reclaiming the House this fall and becoming speaker. But he is expected to announce on Wednesday that alternatives to Congress' annual review of China's trading status fall short of giving law-makers enough leverage over Beijing's behavior on human rights, religious tolerance and the environment.

Both sides say the House vote, scheduled for the week of May 22, is too close to call. Gephardt's decision is a victory for coalition of labor and human rights groups, and their allies on Capitol Hill, who oppose the measure as an undeserved reward to a repressive regime.

"I never had any doubt that Dick would come down on the right side of the issue, where his heart is," said Rep. Peter A. DeFazio, D-Ore. It also complicates President Clinton's efforts to rally uncommitted Democrats to support one of his most important remaining foreign policy goals. Gephardt's position could give wavering Democrats political cover to vote no on the agreement, which is an important step in China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

"Obviously, we're disappointed," Commerce Secretary William Daley, Clinton's point man on the vote, said. "But we'll continue to make the case with Democrats and Republicans that this is good for national security and our overall world leadership position."

UNITED STATES SETTLES ON WEAPONS TO SELL TO TAIWAN

By Jane Perlez

In a delicate decision intended to avoid further roiling the tensions between China and Taiwan, the Clinton administration has agreed to sell Taiwan upgraded versions of air-to-air missiles and a long-range radar system, but not four technology-laden Aegis destroyers.

The decision was made Monday at a White House meeting among the national security adviser, Samuel R. Berger, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, and it was relayed to Taiwan Monday evening, Pentagon and White House officials said.

As details of the decision spread, senior Republicans on Capitol Hill voiced some anger that the administration had not delivered a more robust package of weapons.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, pledged to seek passage of legislation as known as the Taiwan Security Enhancement Act, which would greatly strengthen military ties between Washington and Taipei.

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service, said congressional support remains strong for the Osprey project. Hunter, chairman of the military procurement subcommittee of the House Armed Services, said that the upcoming budget would contain money to continue the Osprey project.

Of the 15 Marines, 14 were stationed at Camp Pendleton and one at the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego.

NBA SCORES:

BOSTON	114	WASHINGTON	81
ATLANTA	111	NEW JERSEY	109
CHARLOTTE	103	CLEVELAND	88
NEW YORK	100	DETROIT	88
MIAMI	97	TORONTO	73
PHILADELPHIA	93	CHICAGO	89
DALLAS	112	LA LAKERS	102
DENVER	105	UTAH	104
PORTLAND	116	LA CLIPPERS	100
HOUSTON	107	PHOENIX	98
SEATTLE	119	SACRAMENTO	112

SPORTS**BASEBALL SCORES:**

OAKLAND	8	CLEVELAND	5
BOSTON	7	DETROIT	0
ANAHEIM	16	TORONTO	10
CHI WHITE SOX	18	SEATTLE	11
MINNESTOA	3	KANSAS CITY	1
NY YANKEES	6	TEXAS	3
LOS ANGELES	5	HOUSTON	3
ARIZONA	7	COLORADO	1
ST LOUIS	5	SAN DIEGO	4
ATLANTA	4	PHILADELPHIA	3
MONTREAL	4	CHI CUBS	3
FLORIDA	12	PITTSBURGH	5
SAN FRANCISCO	13	CINNCINATI	9

NHL SCORES:

BUFFALO	3	PHILADELPHIA	2
NEW JERSEY	2	FLORIDA	1
DALLAS	4	EDMONTON	3

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CHANGE OF COMMAND WALK-THROUGH

Key personnel gathered on the flight deck at noon yesterday with the XO to run through the events for USS BONHOMME RICHARD's change of command ceremony. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)

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